GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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CULTIVATION OF FOOD CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise land under the cultivation of cash crops during the last three years;

(b) whether large areas of land are being converted from food crops cultivation into cash crops cultivation during this period;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the measures being taken by the Government to promote the cultivation of food crops and prevent their conversion?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a): The State-wise information about area under the cultivation of major cash crops during the last three years viz. 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 in annexed.

(b) & (c): No, Sir.

(d): To promote the cultivation of food crops, the Government is implementing centrally sponsored Integrated Cereal Development Programmes jn Rice/Wheat/Coarse Cereals Based Cropping System Area, National Pulses Development Project etc. Under these programmes/project, incentives are provided to farmers for use of high yielding varieties of seeds, application of integrated pest management, propagation of scientific water management including micro irrigation and use of improved farm implements. Research is also being continuously undertaken to develop improved technologies so as to enhance the productivity and production of foodgrains in India. Field demonstrations on farmers` holdings including training of farmers and farm labourers is being organised for effective transfer of technology.

ANNEXURE

AREA UNDER VARIOUS CASH CROPS DURING 1996-1997 AND 1998-99

Area: In thousand Hectares

States	Cotton			Sugarcane			Oilseeds			Jute & Mesta		
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Andhra Pradesh	1016.2	906.1	1278.1	199.3	192.2	213.8	2986.7	2697.0	2737.5	89.1	86.0	70.0
Assam	1.7	1.7	1.7	35.9	31.3	30.6	312.3	316.8	326.5	89.5	100.4	83.8
Bihar	-	-	-	129.6	108.0	107.5	228.3	225.9	224.7	185.4	167.4	168.8
Gujarat	1484.1	1519.0	1607.0	165.8	165.0	186.3	2842.7	2821.3	2868.7	-	-	-
Haryana	862.0	838.0	582.0	182.0	142.0	126.0	879.8	594.5	558.3	-	-	-
Himachal Pradesh	0.3	0.1	0.0	3.4	3.8	3.3	19.8	19.0	18.2	-	-	-
Jammu & Kashmir	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	70.3	68.3	70.0	-	-	-
Karnataka	668.1	499.0	608.0	282.1	309.8	312.0	2808.4	2178.4	2581.8	6.8	6.9	8.0
Madhya Pradesh	519.5	515.3	501.5	45.0	42.3	50.2	5958.7	6204.1	6157.5	2.6	2.9	2.7
Maharashtra	3084.7	3139.2	3199.1	516.2	459.7	529.8	2688.9	2604.1	2674.2	31.1	30.7	29.4
Orissa	15.7	22.0	29.0	23.5	18.7	22.3	406.2	423.4	383.5	44.8	48.4	31.1
Punjab	742.0	724.0	562.0	173.0	126.0	103.0	214.8	193.7	176.4	-	-	-
Rajasthan	664.2	644.7	644.6	26.7	23.2	22.6	3882.4	4421.3	4303.3	-	-	-
Tamilnadu	252.2	227.8	242.8	259.6	282.8	347.9	1053.3	1000.7	1318.2	0.2	0.3	0.4
Uttar Pradesh	7.8	9.0	9.0	2110.6	1985.2	1970.6	1766.9	1732.1	1600.0	0.2	0.1	Neg.
West Bengal	0.1	0.3	0.4	24.9	25.8	26.9	511.9	509.5	490.9	629.4	651.3	621.8

Others	22.8	21.9	21.8	16.3	13.8	13.6	120.7	114.5	119.1	13.6	13.4	12.8
All India	9120.5	8868.4	9287.1	4174.1	3929.8	4075.6	26338.1	126123.6	26710.8	1101.7	1106.8	1014.7